

Iowa Medicaid Bureau Chief Deb Johnson Biography



Deb Johnson has worked for the Iowa Department of Human services for nearly two decades. She has vast experience serving individuals with disabilities as they strive for independent living, including extensive background and education in vocational rehabilitation services. Johnson has gained a deep understanding of the needs of individuals she serves having worked as a social worker in Polk County, a work adjustment counselor for Goodwill Industries and a rehabilitation specialist where she worked with individuals injured or disabled as they returned to their vocations.

Johnson has a deep and broad understanding of the Home and Community Based Services programs in Iowa Medicaid from her experience as the head of the Division of Medical Services, a position that directs the HCBS Waiver programs, the Money Follows the Person grant and the Person and Real Choices Systems Transformation. Johnson currently serves as the Bureau Chief for Medicaid Long Term Care programs including community services, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with mental retardation and Home Health Agencies.

Johnson has a Master of Science Degree from Drake University in Vocational Rehabilitation and a Bachelors of Science Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation, minor in Psychology & Sociology, from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.



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